

Please reject the NAB petition 04-160.

I support the growth and expansion of XM radio. With the ongoing and expanding threat of terrorism within our nation's borders, a way to send immediate emergency information nationwide is vital to our nations defense and security. Services such as local weather and traffic are excellent examples of how this service can be utilized for the nations good. Imagine how a national information service could help activate a regional or nationwide response in an disaster. XM Radio can provide a REAL national Emergency Broadcast System. One that actually WORKS!

As radio stations are bought and consolidated by conglomerates such as Clear Channel, we have lost the local touch and have witnessed news and weather information fall by the wayside. The "local" radio stations will not give us news and information except on a recorded break and hav all but abandoned the concept of breaking news. Up to 6 local signals are all owned by the same company and operated out of the same office in the same building. In this town, we have over 20 stations owned by about 4 companies. If the FCC would like to do something to benefit local broadcasters, it seems to me that it would do well to stop giving out licenses like chiclets and give that license to someone who will honor the good of the community.

Suppresing the ability of XM Radio to disseminate information is counterproductive to our nations security and economic health. I urge you to reject NAB petition 04-160.